

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) Adapted to a portable scanner system supporting electronic coupon validation and redemption, a portable scanner comprising:

a communication port;

an optical converter;

a processing unit in communication with the optical converter and the communication port; and

an internal memory coupled to the processing unit, the internal memory comprises a plurality of data storage groupings including (1) a first data storage grouping being a list of coupons, inaccessible for redemption, that are currently available for a particular geographic region, and (2) a second data storage grouping being a list of coupons, accessible for redemption, that were scanned and matched with a coupon of the first data storage grouping.

10. (Original) The portable scanner of claim 9, wherein the internal memory further comprises a third data storage grouping including a list of coupons, accessible for redemption, that were scanned and unmatched with a coupon of the first data storage grouping.

11. (Original) The portable scanner of claim 10, wherein the internal memory further comprises a fourth data storage grouping being configured to store a manufacturer code for each manufacturer participating in the portable scanner system.

12. (Original) The portable scanner of claim 9 further comprising a display to illustrate coupon descriptive information being alphanumeric characters to identify at least one of the following: a value of a coupon, expiration date of a coupon, a description of a discounted product, and a description of a manufacturer of the discounted product.

13. (Original) The portable scanner of claim 12 further comprising an interface to enable a customer to control operations of the scanner, the interface comprises (i) at least one scroll key that, when depressed, enables a customer to scroll and review alphanumeric characters on the display, and (ii) a scan key that, when depressed, activates the optical converter to scan a data object.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the internal memory further contains a unique identification number to enable identification of scanner and the customer.

15-23. (Canceled)